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## FOR THE INDIANS FRISCO GETS IT WILLIAMS SAYS THERE WILL BE NO STATEHOOD THIS SESSION

Allottees in Five Civilized Tribes to Be Placed in Undisputed Possession.

Has Probably Purchased the Muskogee Union From Joplin Via Denison to Gulf.

Morally and Justly It Will Be Chargeable to the Republican Party If It Fails.

Such petty states in population as well as in area, will have equal representation in the United States Senate with these great states, both in area and in population.

## TO CANCEL FRAUDULENT LEASES ITS A BIG RAILROAD DEAL

All Mineral Lands of Indian Reservations Declared Open and Ready For Development. Restrictions.

Merger That Contemplates Absorption of All Independent Lines in the Southwest. A Gridiron System.

## ARE USING THE PARTY WHIP

Republican Majority Dominates and Keeps the Republican Minority From Voting With the Democrats For Statehood.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The sub-committee of the senate Committee on Indian Affairs has completed the Indian Appropriation bill and it will be submitted to the full senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

The bill as passed by the House is materially amended by the sub-committee which inserted a large number of appropriations, many of which have been in former Indian bills as reported, but have not passed both houses.

Among them are the following: For removal of intruders and placing allottees in Five Civilized Tribes in undisputed possession of their allotments \$25,000 is provided, also that all unsold lots, disposition of which is now acquired at public auction, shall be offered for sale and disposed of by the Secretary of the Interior at the best obtainable price and so as to best subserve the interests of the several tribes. The Secretary of the Interior is required, within six months from the passage of the bill to appraise the lands of the allottees. When this is done the lands will be subject to purchase in tracts not exceeding 80 acres to any one purchaser, who shall live on the land continuously for five years, and make the usual improvements required and under such instructions the land department provides. Leasing of any land in excess for oil and mineral land is absolutely prohibited.

The Secretary of the Interior is directed to vacate and cancel all leases heretofore made when he is satisfied they were procured by fraud or for an inadequate consideration. To execute these and other provisions relating thereto, \$50,000 is appropriated.

It is provided that any electric railway, light or power company in Indian Territory shall have the right of locating and owning dams across non-navigable streams as well as of locating other properties for purpose of obtaining water for manufacturing of light, power and heat. Provision is made for paying Choctaw Indians the sum of \$155,976 in full settlement of their claims against the United States.

The story of Jack Harkaways school days will commence in serial form in the Daily and Weekly News in a short time. The right to use this story has cost us a great deal of money, but our readers are entitled to the best. Subscribe now and you will never regret the expenditure of the subscription price.

The heater of a range stove exploded in the home of W. A. Truitt at Ardmore, wrecking stove, breaking windows in the house and greatly damaging ground kitchen. The loss will reach

A dispatch from Muskogee says there is every indication that the Frisco Railway Company has acquired a complete belt line, having bought the Muskogee Union and all its proposed extensions, the Muskogee Northern to Joplin and the Muskogee Southern to Denison.

The dispatch further states that if the Frisco has bought the Muskogee Union, and it evidently has, the new line building to the Southwest will probably not be extended beyond Henryetta to the Red River as contemplated. The Muskogee Union would be extended northeast to Joplin. This is the most important railroad deal that has been consummated in the Indian Territory for some time.

## TO MOVE LAND OFFICE.

Ardmore Citizens Hope to Soon Have the Office Located There.

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 15.—R. W. Dick, Sidney Suggs and Lee Cruce, prominent citizens of Ardmore, were in the city yesterday to investigate the manner in which the Commercial Club in this city is conducted; also to hold a conference with Indian Agent Shoenfelt in regard to securing the Intruders' Court for the Chickasaw Nation. They were successful, and the court will be moved from Tishomingo to Ardmore. This will bring hundreds of people into Ardmore and benefit the town.

The office has about twenty employees and the pay roll amounts to over \$2,000 a month. The removal of the office will be a hard blow to Tishomingo. Many lawyers would follow the office to Ardmore and it is estimated that about 150 people would leave Tishomingo. Ardmore citizens contend that they were entitled to the land office in the first place as they virtually had the promise of the office before its location.

Miss Bessie Annett is at Denison this week the guest of friends.

I. B. Walker returned last night from a business trip to Denton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Westbrook returned home last afternoon from a visit with relatives at Farmersville, Texas.

Mrs. M. S. Brown and children returned last afternoon from Honey Grove, Texas, where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

C. C. Pyle and family, formerly of Durant, now of Texas, were here last evening en route to Twelve Mile Prairie to visit the father of Mrs. Pyle, E. J. Horne.

The most reliable preparation for kidney troubles on the market is Foley's Kidney Cure. For sale by O. L. Shannon.

Hon. R. L. Williams, Democratic National Committeeman of the Indian Territory, just back from Washington, where he has been in the interest of Indian Territory legislation, is of the firm opinion that there will be no statehood legislation at this session of Congress. Mr. Williams, in an interview with the News reporter, says:

"In my judgment there will be no statehood legislation enacted into a law this session of Congress. It is undoubtedly the policy of the Republican party to create only two more states, namely: One state out of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, and one state out of New Mexico and Arizona. There is a minority of the Republican party in the house as well as in the senate that favor three more states, to-wit: One state out of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and one state out of New Mexico and one state, later on, out of Arizona.

"Under the cloture rule that prevails in the house by which amendments can be cut off, the Republican majority is enabled to whip in line and dominate the Republican minority and keep them from voting with the Democrats and creating three states as hereinbefore suggested.

"On the other hand, such could not be accomplished by the Republicans in the senate, no cloture rule being in practice there, and such Republicans as Senators Elkins of West Virginia, Foraker of Ohio, Penrose of Pennsylvania, McCumber and Hansbrough of North Dakota, Heyburn of Idaho, Bard and Perkins of California, and Stewart of Nevada, voted with the Democrats so that there might be three states carved out of the remaining territories.

"There is more in this contest than the public realizes. Twenty-five years from today the party alignments will unquestionably be such that in the great economic contests in this nation the battle will be between the South and West against the East; the Republicans being controlled by the East, controlled by the rich men that dominate Eastern politics—in other words as instruments in the hands of the Eastern power—are designing now in this very legislation to perpetuate their reign in the senate.

"In other words, they don't want anything in the West but great states, geographically as well as in population; and yet such states will have only two representatives in the senate, whilst such states as Delaware, Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire, neither one of them having any more population today than Mexico, some of them not having half as much, each of

Such Republican senators as McCumber of North Dakota voiced these sentiments on the floor. He stood for his country first above party.

"But I want to repeat it, that with such a cold, avaricious spirit that dominates the Republican party today that that spirit in the house, through the instrumentality of the arbitrary speaker, in my judgment, will prevent us from having statehood at this session of Congress and maybe for a number of years. And if it fails, morally and justly, it will be chargeable to the Republican party.

"The Democrats of the Indian Territory are certainly debtors to a great many of the Democratic senators. Unquestionably it was the friendship of Senator Bailey of Texas for the Democrats of the Indian Territory that a vote was ever agreed on in the senate. His convictions was for two states out of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, but he deferred his belief to the sentiment of the Democracy of the Indian Territory and agreed for this vote to take place, when at that time it appeared the house bill would pass the senate with a few minor amendments. On the floor of the senate he stated that whilst he was going to vote for the amendment of Senator McCumber of North Dakota, striking out the Indian Territory out of the house bill, yet he served notice that, at the next moment he would offer an amendment to bring in the Indian Territory as a separate state at the same time Oklahoma came in, then and there stating that unless that could be accomplished he didn't want Senator McCumber's amendment to prevail, as he knew the conditions that prevailed in the Indian Territory and that the conditions were imperative for immediate statehood for the people that lived there.

"So, I want to repeat it, that the Democracy of the Indian Territory ought to be proud of the representatives of the Democratic party in the United States Senate; and whilst the federal stall-fed Republican speakers can go around over the country, drawing their fat salaries from the treasury of the United States government, and make light of the men that believe in the principles of Democracy and appeal to the young men to desert the traditions of their fathers on account of the glare and allurements of federal positions and public offices, yet these blandishments should not for one moment lead young men to stray from the traditions and principles of Thomas Jefferson. We know that they cannot lead away the old men from the truth, because such men have endured defeat in the name of truth and in the name of principle, and their sons, as well as the sons of the men that have followed the flag of insidious wealth acquired through the favoritism of legislation, their sons, after a while, will realize its baneful influence upon the masses and desert that standard and line up in conflict for principles under the flag of Democracy as promulgated by Mr. Jefferson and now sponsored by that modern tribune, Mr. Bryan."

## SOME MEN ARE BORN TO LEAD

Some flours are leaders from the start. "Luxury" Flour is that kind. It is not a very old brand, but it is a very strong one. It has been successful from the beginning. It has never marched in the rear rank. It's liked by all who know and appreciate good flour and good bread. : : : : :

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## Durant Mill and Elevator Co.

V. J. STEGER, MANAGER.

## WOODMAN CIRCLE

State Convention in Session Elects Officers for Ensuing Two Years.

## MEETS NEXT AT MUSKOGEE

Mrs. Lloyd Thomas Selected to Attend Supreme Convention at Chattanooga—Extends Thanks to Durant.

The State Convention of the Woodmen Circle of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, which convened in this city yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, was called to order by Grand Banker Mrs. Lena Bonner of Ardmore in the absence of Grand Guardian Mrs. Ruth McNeal of Marietta, and Grand Advisor Mrs. Mary Young of Lawton, who were unable to be present upon the convention. The entire day was taken up in organization and attending to routine business. Last night the body reached the most important business of the convention, that of choosing officers for the ensuing two years. The election resulted as follows:

Grand Guardian, Mrs. N. A. Gibson, Muskogee.  
Grand Advisor, Mrs. Lula Harris, Shawnee.  
Grand Clerk, Mrs. Ida E. Norvell, Wynne road.  
Grand Banker, Mrs. E. McNaughton, Durant.  
Grand Magician, Mrs. Lizzie Cline, Atoka.  
Grand Attendant, Mrs. Lilla May Eidson, Bartlesville.

Mrs. Lloyd Thomas of Holdenville was elected as delegate to the Supreme Convention of the Circle at Chattanooga, and Mrs. Nettie Henshaw of Madill as alternate delegate.

Muskogee was chosen as the place for holding the State Convention two years hence.

The convention decided to offer a medal to the best drilled team of the State Circle, subject to challenge at any time in the future.

Resolutions were passed extending thanks to Olive Grove Camp No. 3, and the citizens of Durant for courtesies extended the convention and visitors. The delegates to the conven-

tion met last afternoon at the Wide-Awake Gallery and had several pictures made in a group.

The convention here has been both profitable and pleasant to the delegates and visitors, and Durant is indeed proud to have the pleasure of entertaining them.

The convention adjourned this afternoon, and tonight Olive Grove will give an open meeting for the entertainment of visitors. All Woodmen are invited to attend.

## SENT SPECIAL TRAIN.

Remains of Mrs. Minnie Rucker Taken to Greenville.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 15.—A special train was sent by the Katy to Colbert, I. T., yesterday morning to bring the body of Mrs. Minnie Rucker and a funeral party to Denison. The party left here for Greenville, near where the funeral will be held.

Mrs. Rucker was the seventeen year old bride of W. E. Rucker, of Pacanulla, I. T. The couple were married just before Christmas and were residing on a farm. Eighteen days ago the girl was standing before an open fireplace, when her dress caught fire. She ran from the house and to a creek, where she was caught by her husband's brother. The flames were extinguished but the girl was so badly burned that she could not recover, dying Sunday night.

The funeral party arrived at Colbert Monday night, but were unable to stop a night train, and the special train was sent up this morning.

W. J. McIntosh, of the Durant Furniture Co., who has been at Bonham, Texas, for some time visiting relatives and many old-time friends, returned last afternoon.

A message from Coleman, Texas, states that Mrs. H. P. Eastman had died at that place last Sunday and was buried there yesterday. The Eastman family are formerly Durant people, Prof. Eastman having conducted school in this city.

The February term of Federal court convenes next Monday morning with his honor, Judge Thos. C. Humphry, on the bench. There are three important murder cases docketed for trial, also a number of assault to kill, introducing and disposing cases to receive the attention of the court. The session, it is thought, will not be a long one.